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WHEREFORE ART THOU DOMINIC...

Joshua Fireman, Nat. IV

My joy at being back in school after a lengthy and relaxing 240-hour long non-denominational holiday break was tempered when I noticed that something was missing from the faculty. I couldn't quite put my foot on what was missing, so the LSA struck a Task Force to study the problem. The Task Force delivered its report last week, confirming many students' worst suspicions: One of the faculty's Dominics has gone missing!

The Chancellor Day Hall sanitary engineering staff is composed primarily of three individuals: The lady who cleans lots of stuff and the two Dominics. One of the Dominics is big and has brown hair (and is slightly follically challenged), while the other is a shorter, grey-haired cherub. It is the latter Dominic who has disappeared

without so much as a ransom note to point to his whereabouts.

Fortunately, the Task Force was able to come up with a number of possible explanations for this mysterious vanishing act. What follows, then, are the...

Top Ten Explanations for Dominic's Disappearance:

10. Filling fourth spot in Beetle's reunion.
9. Took advantage of recent openings at Stikeman.
8. Walked into Tony Robbins seminar - never seen leaving.
7. Ran off to Cuba with the

missing cafeteria lady.

6. Reached full professor status at Concordia.
5. Latest Publisher's Clearing House winner.
4. Wooed away by the Faculty of Medicine.
3. Accompanying short-track speed skating team to Lillehammer.
2. Traveling with Paul Martin during budget consultations.
1. He quit after being snubbed by the Dean's Selection Committee.

Computers in Our Classrooms: A Draft Report

Kim Schenck
Class Representative, LLB II

Since school started this year, there has been a low-level controversy about the use of noisy notebook computers in classrooms. Most computers are inoffensive. Some, however, are not. Those who are bothered by the noise are often embarrassed to ask the offender to be quiet. Even if asked, there is no way to force courtesy on the typist. In

November, an article appeared in the Quid in which I solicited suggestions for ways to deal with the problem. Since then I have collected complaints as well as ideas. One of the best (ideas) came from a classmate who suggested i check in with a few other schools. I have summarized below.

First, by way of a "brief answer" I have a few recommendations based on student suggestions and my research.

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Announcements / Annonces

International Law Society PARTY !!!!

Circle Thursday February 10th on your busy schedule, because the ILS will be hosting a party at Woody's on Bishop. Posters will be up this week with details, and we're planning to invite U of M Law too!!! Should be a great time, and a great break from memos, case comments, and other assignments from hell. See you there!

Reminders from your user-friendly Office of Undergraduate Studies

An updated JUNE CONVOCATION LIST has been posted on the board in the corridor behind the USO. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR NAME/DEGREE/HOME-TOWN ARE ACCURATE.

Want to be a Director at the McGill Legal Information Clinic?

The Clinic is now receiving applications (CV and cover letter) for the following five positions: Executive Director, Advocacy & University Affairs, Office & Resource Manager, Publicity & Publications, and Community Liason. Application deadline is Friday, February 11, 1994. Applications should be submitted to the Clinic in the basement of the Shatner Building.

The St. Thomas More Society will be holding its next meeting on **Wednesday, February 9 at 12:30 in Room 203**. Our discussion will focus on an excerpt from Prof. Charles Taylor's recent work, Multiculturalism and the Politics of Recognition. The reading is now available (free, of course!) in the St. Thomas More Society's box in the LSA office. Welcome to all! •

La Bibliothèque/The Library Staff - RECLASSIFICATION

La bibliothèque est en train de reclassifier l'ancienne collection Cutter à la nouvelle classification de la bibliothèque du Congrès (Library of Congress ou LC). Une fois complété,

ce travail nous donnera une bibliothèque beaucoup plus facile à utiliser, mais cependant, vous trouverez des volumes qui ont été changés de place.

Nous essayerons de garder les inconvénients au minimum, et afficherons des avis dans les rayons quand des livres ont été déplacés. Si vous ne trouvez pas les livres que vous cherchez, veuillez demander au service de référence ou au comptoir de prêt où il y aura des listes des cotes qui ont changés de place et leur nouvelle emplacement.

Veuillez nous excuser les inconvénients et merci de votre compréhension et patience.

The Library is beginning work to reclassify the old Cutter collection into Library of Congress. While life will become easier for everyone once the work has been completed, it will mean some disruption while the work is in progress, and you will find that some material has been shifted.

We will try to keep the disruption to a minimum, and will post signs when material has been moved. If you are unable to find material you are looking for, please ask at the Reference or Circulation desk where there will be lists of call numbers which have been moved and their new locations.

We apologize for any inconvenience to our users and thank you for your understanding.

SSMU Transit Network

The SSMU Transit Network, McGill's unique carpool system, is now taking driver/passenger schedules for **FREE ON-CAMPUS PARKING** (MeyIntyre Garage) and convenient, inexpensive rides to and from school - serving your neighbourhood.

Drop by Union 408 or call 398 2902 now to reserve your spot for November.

YEARBOOK: Res Ipsa Loquitor

Do you have some time to help out with putting the yearbook together? Please leave a message in Res Ipsa Loquitor box in the LSA Office. There is lots to do and few volunteers.

A Message From The LSA

Remember that the LSA Executive holds office hours 4 days a week now (Wednesday is our day of rest). The exact times we are available will be posted outside the LSA Office. All students note that the LSA will be off limits to all lunchers during these times!

LEGAL EASE - the law school talkshow

Tune in every second Friday on CKUT 90.3 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon with hosts Melanie Parsons and Patrick Martin.

Next Show = Friday, February 4th at 11:30 a.m. ...please tune in.

--> if you would like to guest host a show please contact Patrick or Melanie.

QUID NOVI SEEKS A TYPIST

The Quid is looking for someone to type French and English submissions into our computer. The job pays \$ 7.00 / hour and generally consists of 2 to 4 hours per week of typing. The person may do the typing on his/her own time but it must be done at the beginning of the week (usually on Tuesday) so that everything is in the computer by Tuesday evening. No special skills are required as we will train any interested person. Any interested person may leave a message in the Quid Novi box in the LSA Office or call Jay at 270 1589.

Nominations for Students Society

McGill University executive and senator positions are open until February 8. You can get the application forms at the SSMU office.

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Editorial: The Beauty of Depression

Depression tends to strike many in the months of January and February. It may be the polar weather patterns or the discovery of a bad grade on a pre-holiday exam. Perhaps it is a nagging bout of the flu, or a personal relationship gone awry, or all of the above. Whatever it is that causes it (sometimes the cause may be seemingly indiscernible), depression sucks.

Why does depression suck? It sucks because it saps energy and enthusiasm and often chips away at self-esteem. It does foster self-analysis but the direction of reflection is usually a downward spiral that feeds on itself. By feeling sorry for oneself one justifies the depression and subliminally disallows simple, common sense solutions. All this causes stress on both the mental and physical person. At such times, when we most need nourishment and exercise, we don't feel like eating or moving. It's a vicious cycle that is hard, but not impossible, to break. Furthermore, depression can be a valuable learning experience. It may even feed creativity.

Depression, at its worst, can be described as an extreme state of the human

emotional condition. At the other end of the spectrum is happiness. In many great works of literature one finds characters who are taken back and forth between the two extremes, sometimes in incremental steps, sometimes in the blink of an eye.

Fyodor Dostoevsky's Raskolnikov in "Crime and Punishment" felt psychological rumblings from within that fed a constant state of fluctuation between remorseful depression and vibrant elation. In "Madame Bovary", a critique on Romanticism, Gustave Flaubert described the tragic life of Emma Bovary. In her search for a love that would surpass reality her mind moved swiftly between the extremes, sometimes it seemed, towards both ecstasy and distress at the same time.

It is difficult to believe that Dostoevsky and Flaubert could write so vividly and intricately about such emotions unless they had felt them to some extent. Depression is natural and inevitable. If we did not feel it at some point we would be leading unbalanced lives. We are only human.

The beauty of depression derives out of one's ability to overcome it by learning from it

and using the lessons. Charlotte Brontë's "Jane Eyre" is a brilliant example of a sheer refusal to let the apparel of depression create defeat. Here was a woman trapped by the oppression of her appointed place in Victorian society. She felt the walls around her and the loneliness of depression yet she never gave in. She did not let her passion for life die. She fed her spirit with hope.

Most of us living in Canada have little reason to feel sorry for ourselves and ample reason to be hopeful. We so easily forget that we don't usually have to worry about basic survival. We have the privilege of having the time to think about and analyse our depression. Such a rosy scenario is not so easily found in places like Myanmar or Sarajevo.

We lead complicated lives with complicated problems. Sometimes our problems seem insurmountable and the depression is overwhelming. It is at times like this that it is important that we be able to step out of ourselves and see our problems in the full context of life. Only then will we fully realize how lucky we are to be alive.

LSA Report

by Adam Atlas, Speaker LSA

The LSA meeting of Wednesday January 19 was one of the most informative meetings of the year.

As communities of nations are forming in Europe, Asia and America, so has the Faculty of Law Student Association decided to form a community with the Faculties of Management and Engineering. A letter of agreement signed by the LSA President and the presidents of the two other faculties has outlined areas in which the three faculties may cooperate, they include: cafeteria contracts, photocopying services, Sadies management, career days, social events and political agendas at SSMU Council.

Councilor Schenk, L.L.B. II Class President, submitted a draft report to Council on Computers in Our Classrooms. As the Faculty is without a policy on the subject, policy makers are awaiting a final copy of the report. Before adopting a final version, Council

has decided to publish the draft version so that suggestions from other students may be included in the final report which may form the basis of the faculty policy. The report now includes policies such as a requirement for lap-top users to ask the permission of students adjacent to them in the classroom to use the sometimes noisy instruments. The report also suggests that an area be set aside in the library for non-lap-top users.

SSMU Council, which represents all McGill undergraduate students, has ceased sponsoring Canadian Red Cross (CRC) Blood Drives as of November 11, 1993, because a CRC questionnaire asks potential donors about their sexual orientation. The SSMU Constitution forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. In view of the current blood shortage in the city of Montreal and controversy over the ceasing of CRC Blood Drives at McGill, the LSA Council passed a motion supporting a campus-wide referendum on the subject of CRC Blood Drives on campus.

While the LSA resembles the EEC in its agreement with other faculties, so does SSMU resemble the Spicer Commission in its 1994

Commission francophone. SSMU is asking for student participation in a series of hearings dealing with the current and future status of the francophone population at McGill. For more information on the commission, contact SSMU at 398-P6WR.

The 100% final may not be the best way of evaluating the academic abilities of all students. In consultation with Councilor Kessner, the Faculty is discussing ways of including alternative forms of evaluation in the curriculum such as papers and oral presentations.

It has been suggested that McGill host Law Games next year. As an alternative to having Canada's law candidates descend on OCDH, Noah Stern, Athletic Coordinator, is researching the possibility of hosting Law Games next year at a cluster of cottages owned by McGill in the Bahamas.

The next meeting of the LSA Council is scheduled for February 2, at 12:30 pm, all are encouraged to attend.

Diary of a Third Year Student

by Randy Hahn LLB III

Monday

I received a telephone call from my old friend Antonio Lamer who invites me to join him and a few of his colleagues for a hunting trip in the great Canadian outdoors. The afternoon finds me tramping over the underbrush in search of cute funny animals whose brains I can blow out. As with most of these excursions, much of my time is spent sitting around and waiting, and quite naturally the talk turns to work. Tony explains the recent Supreme court of Caracta ruling in *Symes* where it was declared that a woman could not deduct the costs of a nanny as a business expense; he explains that he is very sympathetic to the woman's circumstances, but a line must be drawn somewhere otherwise people would be writing off all sorts of outrageous things that have nothing to do with business development.

When we return to the hunting outfitters to settle up the accounts, Tony and two of his colleagues all try to grab the receipt for tax purposes. Tony invokes the privileges of seniority and wins the argument though he agrees to allow his colleagues to keep receipts from the eight pitchers of draft we later order when recounting our heroic adventures of the day.

At dinnertime, we enjoy the fruits of the day's labour and I tuck into some delicious baked muskrat. yum yum.

Tuesday

Off I go to the cinema to see the new blockbuster "Pennsylvania" (*ed.'s note: don't you mean Philadelphia?*) that has all the critics raving. It stars Tom Hanks as a young talented big city lawyer who comes

down with a cold and decides to take a day off work. His callous uncaring supervisors mutter darkly about something called "billable hours" and give young Tom the sack. The Insensitivity of these lawyers is shocking and overwhelms me. I cry like a baby.

Wednesday

Off to the Faculty Club for a power lunch with a long time acquaintance, Mr. Justice Peter Cory. He is speaking this afternoon at the Law Faculty on "Freedom of Expression". He shows me his speech, an elegantly written ten age essay that provides extraordinary insights into this perplexing topic. I awkwardly explain that although one can only marvel at the lucidity of his thoughts, the law school regularly sets minimum page lengths of forty, fifty, or sixty pages for essays and that his contribution will fall short of the mark. He protests that it is ludicrous to judge scholarship by its length, and that lawyers should be encouraged to write succinctly and clearly, not to strive toward some minimal page length. he quotes with approval the French philosopher Pascal who ended a letter by saying he was sorry for the length of he letter - if he had had more time he would have made it shorter. I tell Mr. Justice Cory that unfortunately the powers to be at the law school have not yet come around to this enlightened point of view, and that in the meantime he will have to expand upon what he has written. Fortunately I happen to have an essay I did in junior high school on freedom of expression, so he gratefully takes it to use as his speech. It is pretty basic stuff, but it seems to do the trick.

Thursday

While sitting in the Moot Court wondering why it is that cryptic Latin phrases carved in walls are considered to add dignity to one's surroundings, but a spray painted message on the same wall would probably result in Montreal's denim-clad police being called in to make an arrest, I notice that each of the seats have been equipped with a plastic plate on which there is a complicated combination of letters and numbers. These plates cannot be seen from any normal vantage point in the room and clearly serve no purpose at all. No doubt they were manufactured and installed at great expense. It appears that despite recent tough times the law school is once again awash with money. Happy days are here again.

Friday

I am summoned to a Faculty Council meeting where my advice is sought on the delicate problem of the admission policy to the law school. various ideas are canvassed as to what criteria the law school should rely on in judging potential applicants. I explain to the assembled group that the law faculty should encourage applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds. One exception, however, should be so-called "mature" students. In my view, students from this group should not be admitted to the school. It is one thing to be young and dream about the wonderful opportunities that will follow a legal education, but it is quite another thing to have kicked around this world for awhile and still suffer such delusions. Besides, mature students are all rather boring and they don't know how to party.

Ball Hockey Blurp

by Murray Mincoff
BCL II

Kevorka, the Law Men's Ball Hockey team, opened its 1994 Ball Hockey season with a superlative 7-1 victory over the Phi Lams. The game was marked by a stupendous defensive effort as Kevorka held its opponents to few scoring chances. The offensive star of the game was Kiri (Le Demon Grecque) Vanikiotis, who recorded his 1st career hat trick. (Kiri insists that due credit be given to linemates Ami Drazin and Eric Levy who set Kiri up for goals that even he couldn't miss!) Kevorka next puts its honour and unbeaten streak on the line on February 6, 1994.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF JURISTS: TENTH CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE, SANTIAGO CHILE

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SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 1 1994

The American Association of Jurists (AAJ) is pleased to announce its Tenth Continental Conference that will take place in Santiago, Chile from September 28 until October 1, 1994. The conference themes include the administration of justice, social development, human rights, the right to development, the reform of the United Nations and impunity.

HISTORY OF THE AAJ

For those who don't know the AAJ, its founding can be traced to the First Interamerican Conference on the Judicial Aspects of Economic Independence held in Lima, Peru in June 1974. This gathering was attended by jurists from many countries of the American hemisphere who shared the common values of liberating their countries from their dependent relationships with the developed countries. The following year at a meeting held in Panama in June 1975 with the support of the National College of Lawyers of Panama and the Government of Panama, two hundred and fifty lawyers and judges from some twenty countries officially founded the American Association of Jurists. Those present with official or observer status included representatives of the Departments of Justice of Panama, Cuba and Venezuela as well as from UNESCO, the International Association of Democratic Jurists and NGO's working with the United Nations. Since the founding conference, there have been many local activities as well as the International Conferences for the entire

membership.

INTERCONTINENTAL CONFERENCES

1977: Havana, Cuba
1979: Kingston, Jamaica
1981: Managua, Nicaragua
1983: St-Georges, Grenada
1985: Buenos Aires, Argentina
1987: Havana, Cuba
1991: Porto Alegre, Brazil

Initially the Interamerican Conference took place every two years. Given the difficult situation in South America from 1975 to 1983, all the conferences during that period were held in Central America and the Caribbean. In 1985, with the beginning of the transition from military to civilian rule in Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, the Seventh conference took place in Buenos Aires, making the beginning of the consolidation of the AAJ in the entire continent. This consolidation allowed the presence of more than one thousand jurists at the Eight Conference held at the Convention Center in Havana in September 1987. The most recent conference took place in Porto Alegre, Brazil June 5-9, 1991 on the general theme of "Foundations for a New World Order", perspectives from Latin America and the Caribbean.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE AAJ

The themes of the conferences reflect the current preoccupations and activities of the members. Probably the most important activities of the AAJ in the last two years have centered on its work at the United Nations. The AAJ has official consultative status the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and has a permanent representative in the person of Alejandro Teitelbaum, an attorney from Argentina living near Geneva. Mr. Teitelbaum's intervenes

and writes on many topics including: impunity, the right of external military intervention in human rights matters, the creation of an international criminal court of general jurisdiction, the criminalization of economic crimes in international law, the right to development, equitable representation on the Security Council, the creation of a High Commissioner for Human Rights and other subjects. The underlying principles of his highly researched and respected work might be characterized by a desire allow the devolution of real power to the peoples of the South, by the opposition to the Unipolar New World Order, the opposition to impunity for human rights violations in countries emerging from dictatorships and the principle that human rights constitute and integrated inseparable whole with social, economic and cultural rights, the right to development placed on an equal basis with civil and political rights. Copies of some of his interventions can be obtained from the undersigned.

THE VIENNA CONFERENCE - JUNE 1993

The AAJ was represented by three of its members at the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna under the auspices of the UN in June 1993. The work of the President, Beinus Szumukler from Argentina, Alejandro Teitelbaum, and Jose Felipe Ledur from Brazil with the parallel conference of the NGO's had a direct effect on the inclusion of economic, social and cultural rights in the final declaration of the Vienna conference.

THE MACHAIN CASE

The AAJ is active in continental forums also. On September 25, 1992, the AAJ filed a complaint with the Interamerican Commission for Human Rights against

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the Government of the United States. The complaint dealt with the kidnapping in Mexico by agents of the United States Government in April 1990 of Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain, a Mexican National. Dr. Machain was accused of the torture and murder of US Drug Enforcement Agents in Mexico. Following his kidnapping from his house in Guadalajara by representatives of the US Government, the lower courts had rejected that the charges against Machain because he had been kidnapped illegally in violation of the US-Mexican Extradition Treaty. The lower courts and the appeals court had ordered the government to return Machain to Mexico. However, on June 15, 1992, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned the appeals court by a 6 - 3 decision and held that the United States courts had jurisdiction to judge Machain even if he had been brought before the Court illegally. The proceedings of the AAJ have been filed, all preliminary motions dealt with and the United States has presented its defense. Many continental human rights organizations have filed "amicus curiae" briefs in support of the AAJ complaint including a short support brief by the Pan-Canadian branch. Copies of the Continental AAJ brief can be obtained from the undersigned.

ACTIVITIES IN CANADA

In Canada, the AAJ until recently has been based mainly in Quebec. Our activities have included:

1. Participation at the Continental Conferences in Havana, 1987 and Porto Alegre 1991;
2. Participation of Robert Saint Louis as Assistant General Secretary of the AAJ on the continental organization from June 1991 to November 1993;
3. The organization of hearings in Montreal in November 1991 of the International War Crimes Commission concerning the Gulf War and the

membership of the undersigned on the Jury of the International War Crimes Tribunal held in New York in February 1992.

4. The organization of a multi-disciplinary delegation from Quebec who visited Cuba in November 1992 and subsequent work against the US blockade of Cuba;

5. Critical intervention to the Social and Economic Council of the UN concerning the situation of poverty in Canada. This thorough legal brief prepared by Ms Lucie Lamarche from Montreal contributed with other submissions to the eventual criticism by the UN of the treatment of the poor in Canada. Copy of the AAJ submissions is available from the undersigned.

6. The Organization of meetings of the Continental Council (enlarged executive) of the AAJ in Montreal in November 1993 at which the undersigned and Robert Saint Louis of Montreal were named on an interim basis respectively Assistant Secretary and Secretary General.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

The AAJ has branches in most countries of Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the United States and Canada. Each national branch is autonomous with respect to its membership and finances and is expected to finance the international organisation according to its means. The membership is made up of lawyers, judges, law professors and law students. The AAJ is totally independent and does not receive funds from any government. The financing of the international organisation is inadequate to the point that significant efforts will be required to ensure the survival and growth of the organisation. The journal of the AAJ is published in Spanish and we are hoping that Canada can arrange for its translation and publication into English and French. Funds are also required for maintaining the international infrastructure of the organisation.

These issues will be dealt with the spring and the upcoming conference.

CONFERENCES: PAST AND PRESENT

Themes dealt with at past conferences include the right to peace, the right to self determination, the right to development, the role of the university in the process of social change, systems of criminal justice and the organization of prisons, the right of women and the family, legal regulation of urban and rural property, the transfer of technology, the social function of the practice of law, reform of the United Nation. As we mentioned the themes dealt with in September at the Santiago conference will certainly include the administration of justice, social development, human rights, the right to development, the reform of UN and impunity. There will be workshops on practical issues affecting the practice of law and the use of computers including probably the use of a new intercontinental AAJ information network with which all branches and interested persons will be able to communicate at minimal cost. The conference will also deal with organizational and financial questions allowing us to strengthen our relationships, and guarantee some financial security so as to carry out our international solidarity work which is the *raison d'être* of the AAJ. There will also be elections for executive positions for which all members are eligible to run. The draft program will be available in early in the New Year. If any McGill student, professor or other person has topics which they would like to see dealt with at the conference, or would like to help with the organization of the conference or would like to present a paper on theoretical or practical questions, please communicate with the undersigned. We hope that you will be able to attend the conference in large numbers.

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N.B. A draft of this article, including these suggestions, was submitted to the Law Student's Association at its January 19 meeting. At its next meeting the L.S.A. will adopt an official position on computers in the classroom to be forwarded to Faculty Council. I will continue to collect student comments until the next meeting. If you have something you want to say, leave a note in the LLB II mailbox in the L.S.A. office. Now, the suggestions.

1. Laptop users should ask those next to them if they mind the computer. Since most people sit in roughly the same place class after class, these little interviews could be conducted once early in the semester. This is, of course, courtesy dependant and so only as viable as the manners of students. (Given the experience at other schools, however, it seems an ounce of good manners is worth a pound of policy).

2. We should also ask incoming students and others considering using computers in class to buy ones that are *quiet*. Those students with expertise in this subject could share it with the computer committee and incoming first-year students could get a list of recommended models along with their information packages.

3. As for the library, I think some space should be set aside where laptops won't be allowed. (Perhaps, along with some discussion in the *Quid*, the formation of library committee is in order.)

4. As for the current problem, it seems to me that *professors* who notice a particularly loud computer could do the class a service by asking the offender -- to take notes on paper. One student also suggested that the Dean's Office should step in if a certain minimum number of students "filed" grievances.

5. For safety reasons, starting today, computer users should not drape power cords across classroom aisles.

my investigation into this subject left me with a couple of overall conclusions. First, the best laid policy is only as good as its enforcement mechanism. Second, this is a balancing act that is going to have to be recalibrated regularly.

Briefly, here's what some of our colleagues are doing about notebook computers:

Cornell Law School -- The head of public services of the law library at Cornell told me that computers are used in classrooms at the professor's discretion at Cornell and he had never heard of any problems. The more difficult issue in Ithaca is use of computers in the library. A policy was recently put into place enlarging the area in which they can be used (they are not allowed in certain parts of the library). This was accomplished in consultation with the faculty library council. Carefully thought and well-publicized, the policy has still not been entirely satisfactory. "Right now we're not pleasing anybody," the librarian said.

Osgoode Hall -- Students held a meeting this October and took a vote as to whether laptops should be allowed into the classroom. A student representative told me that no one voted against laptops in the classroom. At Osgoode incoming students will be asked to buy quiet computers and computer users are asked to sit at the back of the class. There is no formal policy, however.

University of British Columbia -- Some students are using laptops but a student representative said no one is complaining. (They're very Laid back out west, of course)

University of Toronto Law -- In consultation with the administration a new policy was put in place last year. Two rows of electrical outlets are at the back of every classroom. Laptop users are asked to use these seats. No cords are to be draped across aisles. The policy was published this year in the student handbook and in the student paper. Like Cornell, the library also has designated laptop areas. The problem? No one's paying much attention. The president of the Student's Law Society told me that if the professor is speaking quietly, everyone moves up -- including laptop users. This is all self-policing and his conclusion was that policy or no policy, most students have just decided they'll have to live with laptops.

Yale Law -- No one seems to be complaining about the use of computers in the classroom but they actually have a computer policy for exams at Yale (laptops allowed at the professor's discretion). The student representative for the second year class at Yale explained that many exams can be done "wherever you want". (Is this how you get to be number one in the western hemisphere?).

Back at McGill, I have been told that we are not allowed to bring electronic devices into exams but at press time I had not been able to confirm this. Also notable here at home is that complaints about computers have been registered on the comment board at McLennan Library on lower campus. The librarian (M. Monk) said that due to enforcement problems, students who are bothered by notebook computers can ask their users to move to a typing room on the fourth floor. A space on the third floor is being renovated to make more room for computers but there is nothing to compel computer users to work in these spaces.

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Interviews will be held after March 1, 1994.

We also invite you to the Martineau Walker "Coffee House/Quatre à Sept" to be held in the Common Room on February 3, 1994, from 4pm to 7pm.

Our firm profile is available at the Student Placement Office. Should you have any further questions concerning the firm or our hiring process, or should you require any other assistance, please contact:

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